

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GRANTING ACCESS TO RESOURCES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for authorizing access to resources requested by a first user. To begin the process, the first user submits an ID of the first user as an individual requesting access to one of the resources. The first user is also a member of a group comprising a plurality of individual users. A first table indicates at least one group of a plurality of individual users. A second table indicates which resources are accessible by which of the users and which resources are accessible by which of the groups. An authorization program compares the first user to entries in the first table to determine which group or groups the first user is a member. Next, the authorization program compares the first user and the group or groups in which the first user is a member to entries in the second table to determine which resources the first user is authorized to access. Thus, the resources that the user ID is authorized to access are based not only on the user as an individual, but the group or groups in which the user is a member. The user need submit only one ID of the user as an individual to access both sets of resources.